

vided that no claim shall be made or allowed for any damages which may arise out of any delay caused by the United States. Suspension by the Government is one of several possible causes of delay—and not an uncommon one.

Moreover, when the contractor was first directed to suspend work, he replied: "We are not objecting to this, but we desire to call the department's attention to the matter in order that we may be entitled to extra time should we be unable to complete the work within the time named in our contract." So far as appears no protest was ever made against the prolonged suspension; nor was there any claim made of a right to damages arising therefrom until it was asserted in this suit.

*Affirmed.*